

(c) and (d) Mere selection of Central Secretariat Service Officers to General Central Service (Ministerial) posts in specified organizations does not entitle any post to be included in Central Secretariat Service.

Committee for Cadre Structure of CSS

1325. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee of Senior Officers was constituted by the Department of Personnel and Training on 28th February, 2001 for looking into the cadre structure of CSS and to make its recommendations within three months;

(b) if so, the details of its terms of reference, as amended till date;

(c) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay and likely time by when it would submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) A Committee of Senior Officers was set up on 28.2.2001 to go into the cadre structure of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) and its terms of reference were as under:-

- (i) To assess the magnitude of stagnation in the Grade of Assistant of CSS and to suggest remedial measures.
- (ii) To assess the magnitude of stagnation in the Grade of Section Officer, Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Director of CSS, *vis-a-vis* similarly recruited/placed officers of other services and to recommend measures to remove stagnation.
- (iii) To review the structure of CSS keeping in view various recommendations and demands of the CSS Association.

In addition to the above, certain issues as directed by the competent authority as also the Principal Bench, Central Administrative Tribunal were to be considered by the Committee.

The Committee was to submit its report within a period of three months. However, in view of the enormous work involved, it has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to extend the tenure of the Committee up to the end of February, 2002.

Cases pending with CBI

1326. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that CBI is over-burdened with all sorts of cases;
- (b) if so, the number of pending cases with CBI as on the 31st October, 2001;
- (c) what steps have been taken by Government to recruit adequate staff in CBI so that cases are disposed of without much delay;
- (d) whether there is any proposal that CBI should conduct investigations into the complex cases and in such cases only as provided in the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1948; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) The prime mandate of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is to undertake investigation of cases involving corruption in high places, economic and financial frauds in the Central Government and crimes committed by dangerous criminals, terrorists, which have inter-State/ international ramifications and are entrusted to the CBI on the request of various State Governments. In the last few years, CBI has also taken up investigation of cases on the directions of Supreme Court/High Courts. On 1.1.1999 there were 1629 cases pending investigation in CBI and the number of such cases as on 31.10.2001 was 1646.

CBI primarily draws its senior level strength by taking officials on deputation and for the personnel at various levels recruitment in CBI is an ongoing process. However, Government has taken adequate steps to keep the disposition of staff in CBI at reasonably adequate level.